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STAY OUT OF THIS, SONIC! MY FIGHT ISN'T WITH YOU TODAY!
AS COMFORTING AS THAT IS TO KNOW, DOC, I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR YOU RIGHT NOW!
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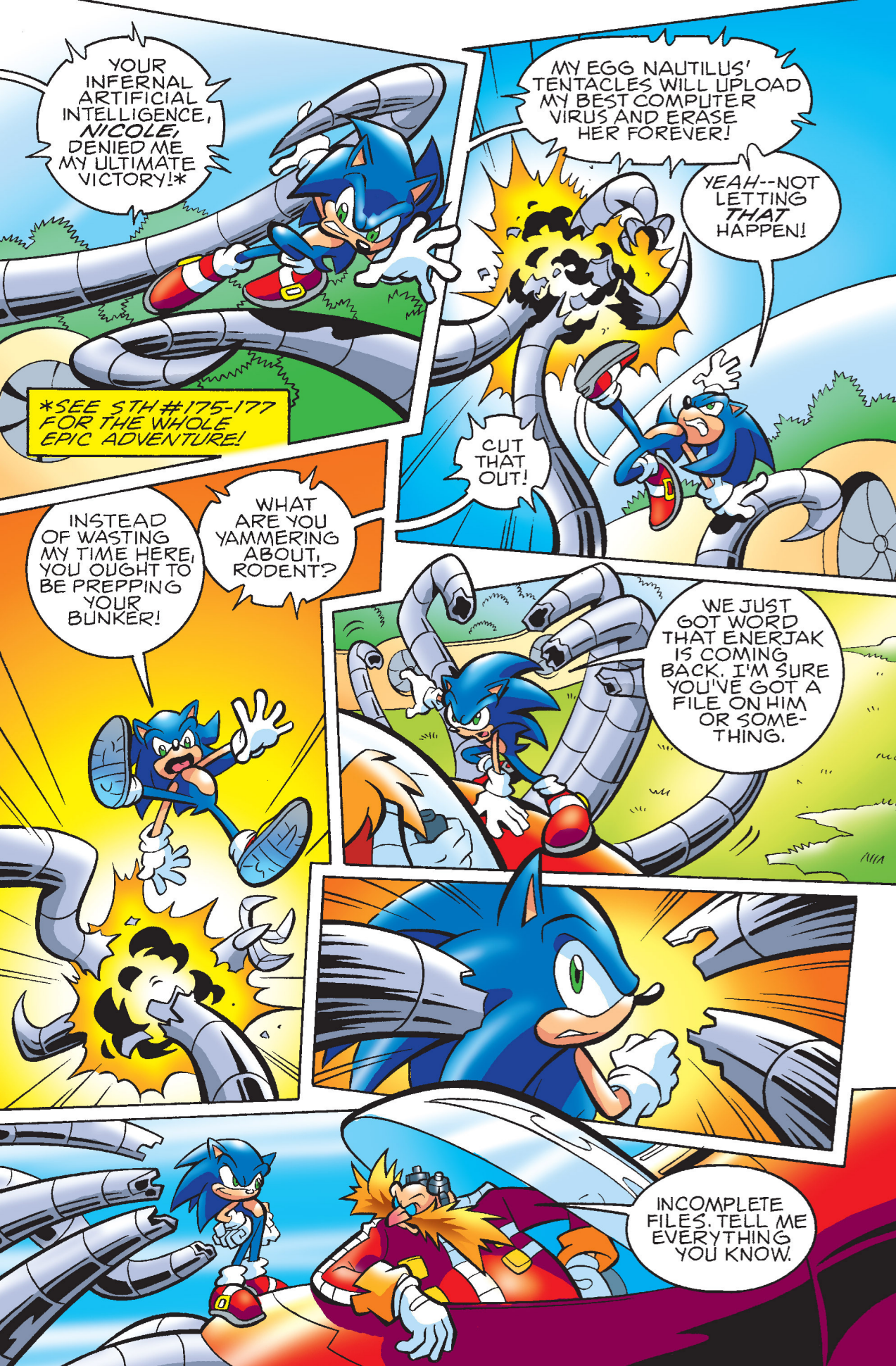
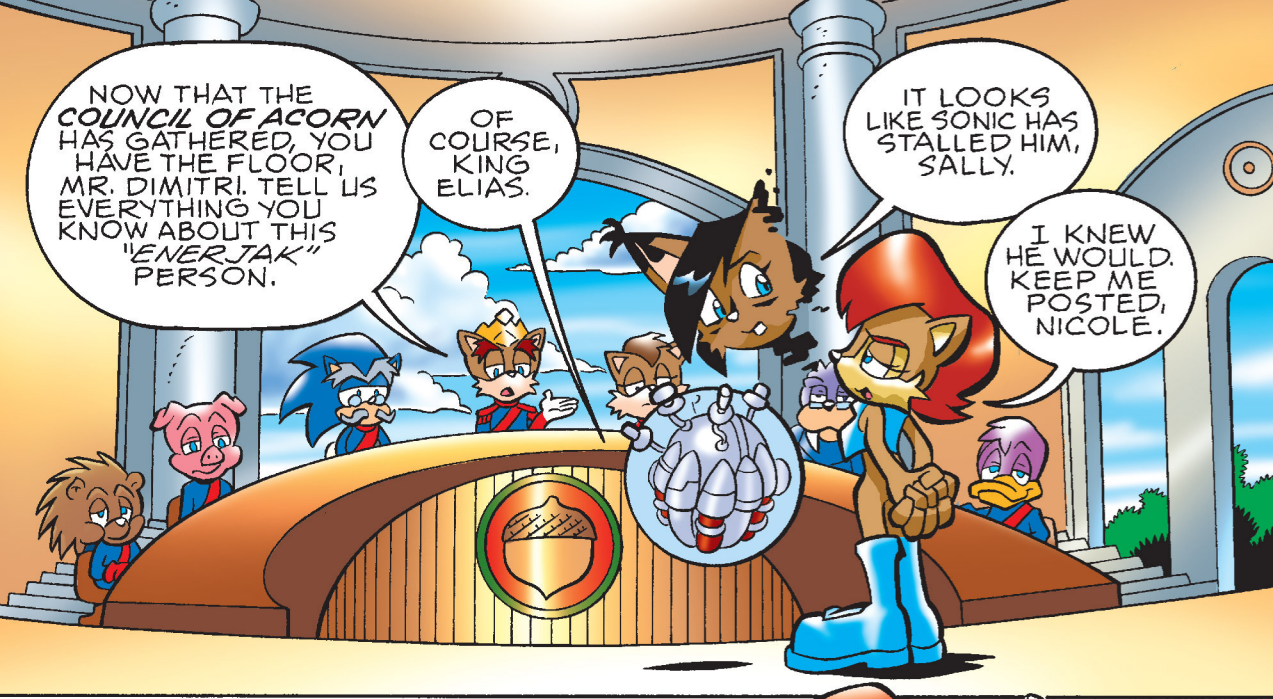
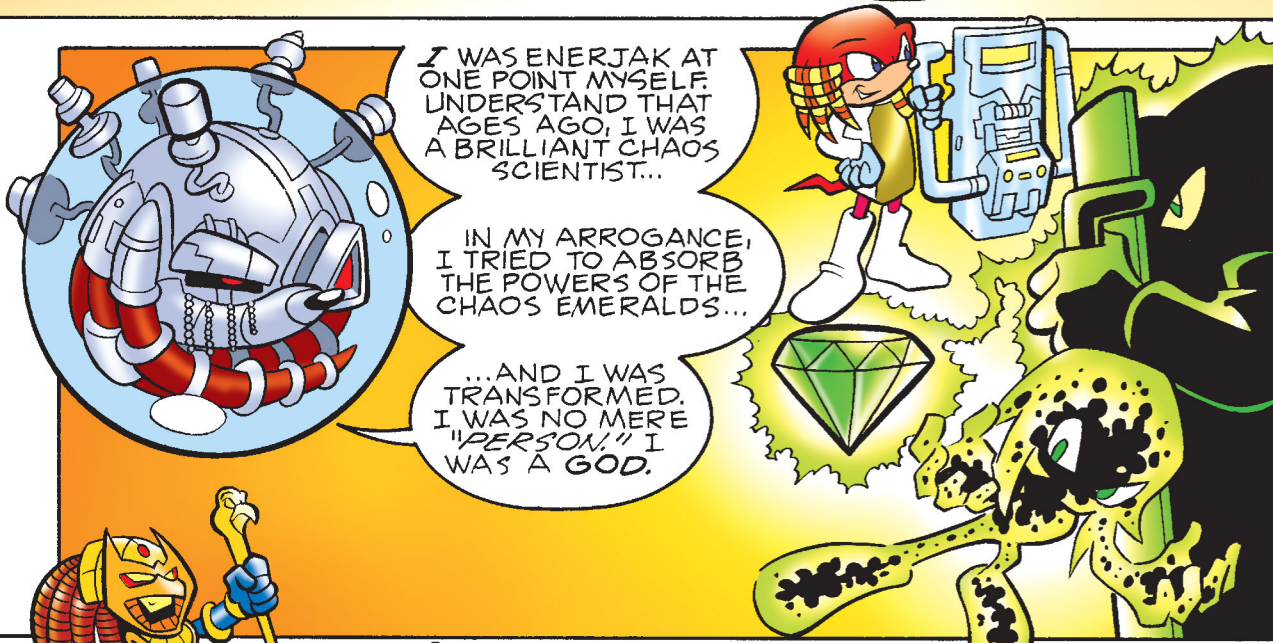
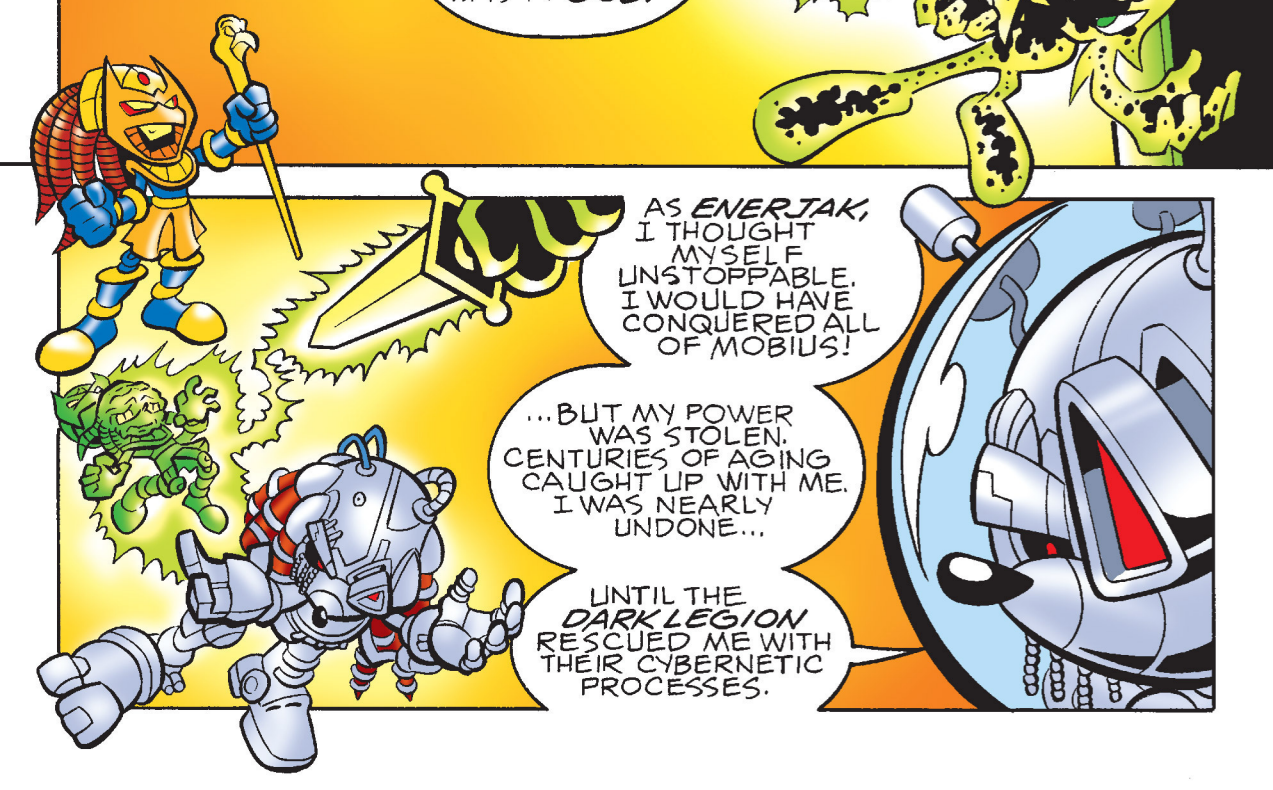
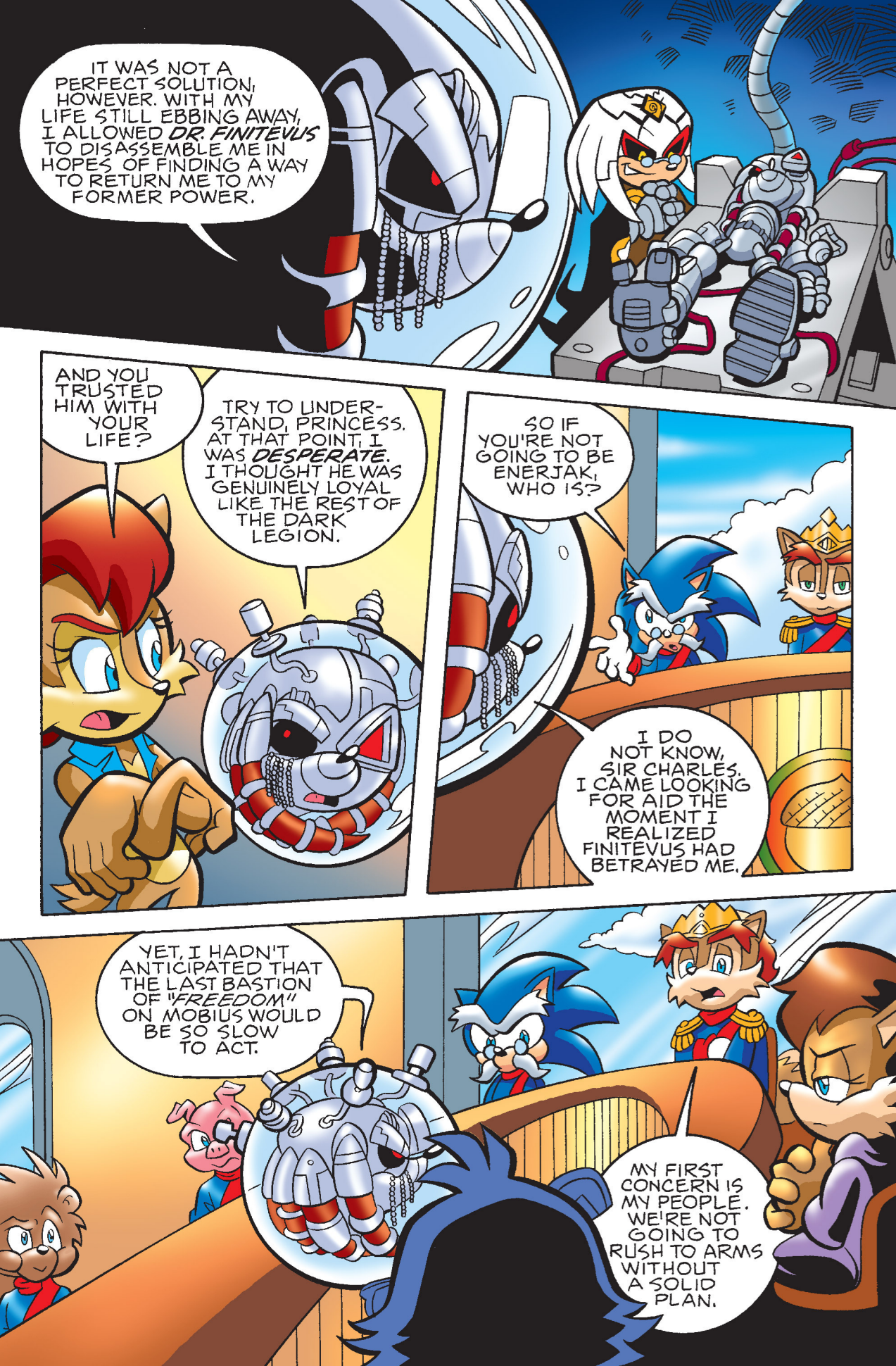
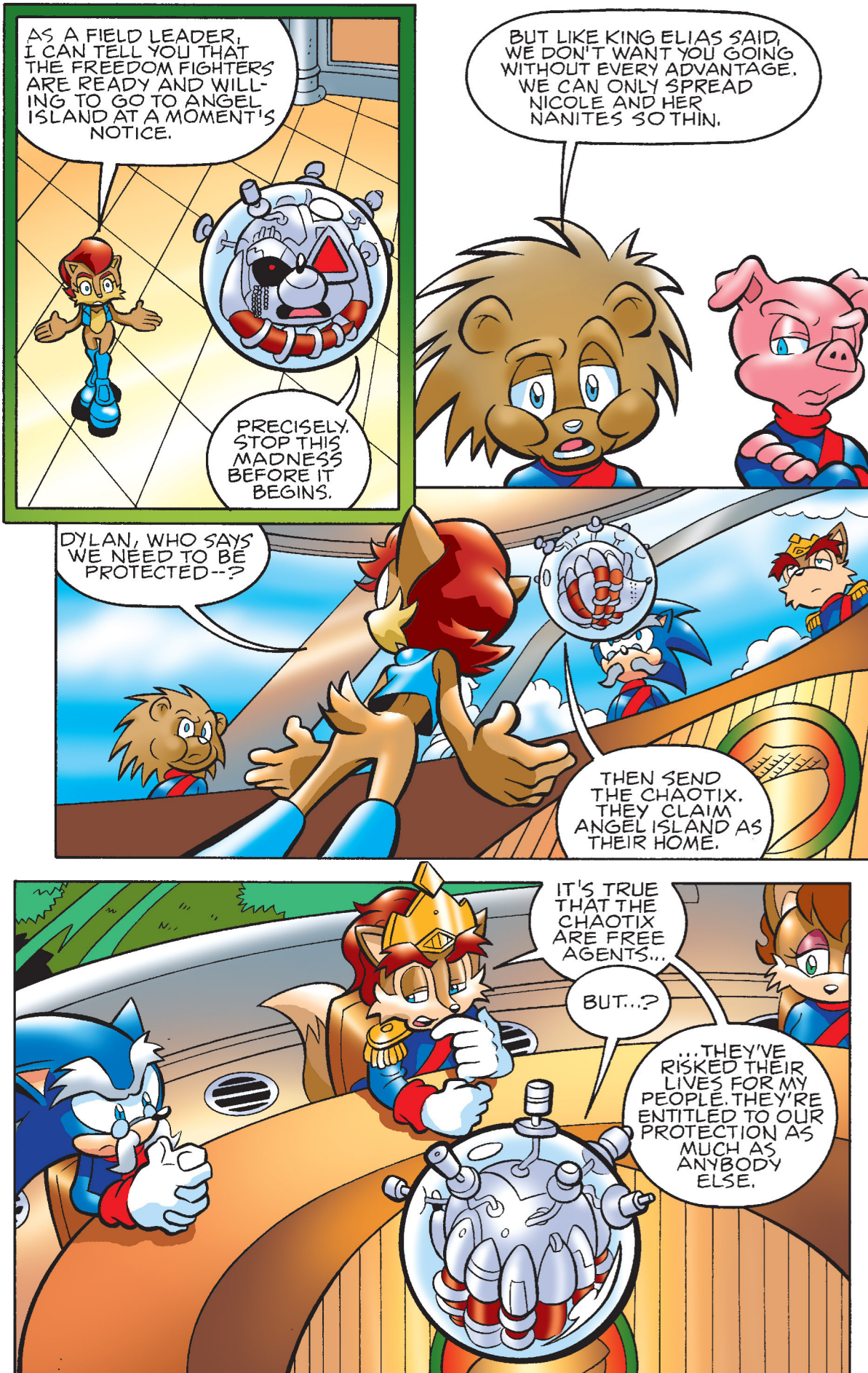

YOUR INFERNAL ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, NICOLE, DENIED ME MY ULTIMATE VICTORY!*
*SEE STH #175-177 FOR THE WHOLE EPIC ADVENTURE!
MY EGG NAUTILUS' TENTACLES WILL UPLOAD MY BEST COMPUTER VIRUS AND ERASE HER FOREVER!
YEAH--NOT LETTING THAT HAPPEN!
CUT THAT OUT!
INSTEAD OF WASTING MY TIME HERE, YOU OUGHT TO BE PREPPING YOUR BUNKER!
WHAT ARE YOU YAMMERING ABOUT, RODENT?
WE JUST GOT WORD THAT ENERJAK IS COMING BACK. I'M SURE YOU'VE GOT A FILE ON HIM OR SOMETHING.
INCOMPLETE FILES. TELL ME EVERYTHING YOU KNOW.

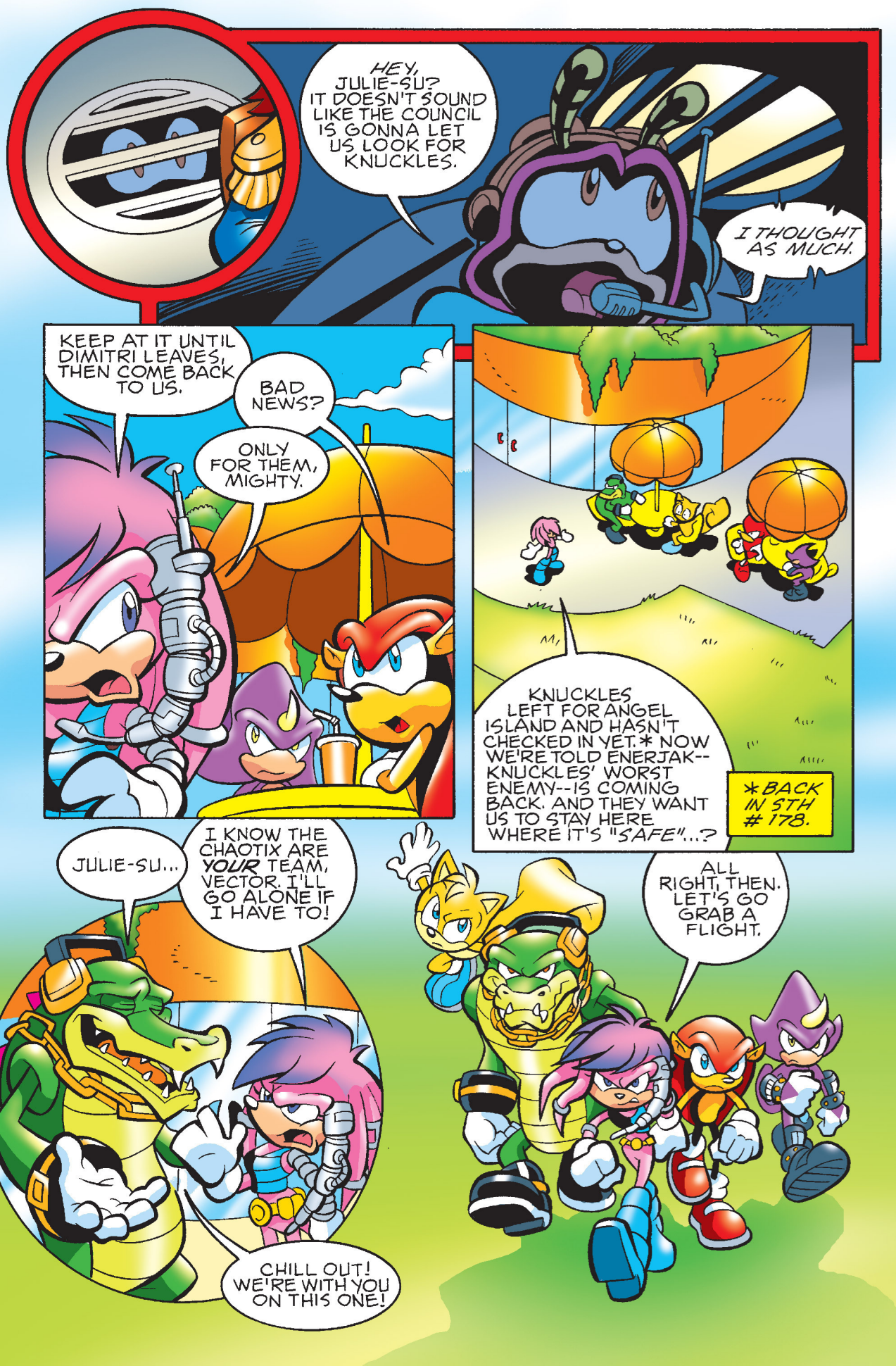

NOW THAT THE COUNCIL OF ACORN HAS GATHERED, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR, MR. DIMITRI. TELL US EVERYTHING YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS "ENERJAK" PERSON.
OF COURSE, KING ELIAS.
IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC HAS STALLED HIM, SALLY.
I KNEW HE WOULD. KEEP ME POSTED, NICOLE.

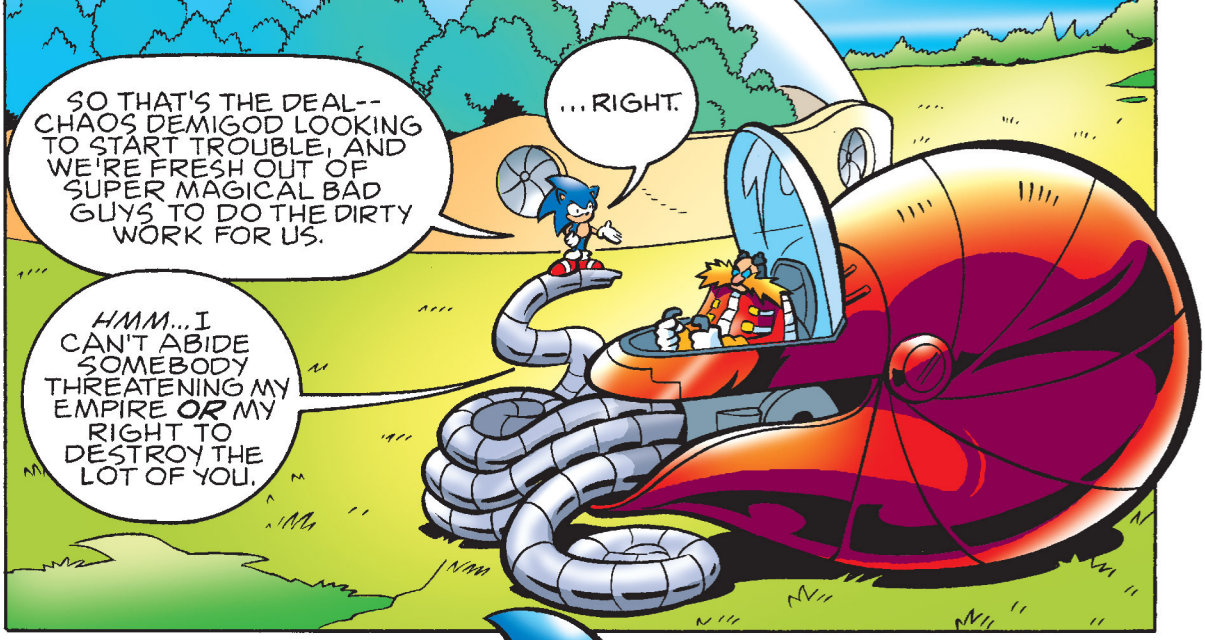

I WAS ENERJAK AT ONE POINT MYSELF. UNDERSTAND THAT AGES AGO, I WAS A BRILLIANT CHAOS SCIENTIST...
IN MY ARROGANCE, I TRIED TO ABSORB THE POWERS OF THE CHAOS EMERALDS...
...AND I WAS TRANSFORMED. I WAS NO MERE "PERSON." I WAS A GOD.

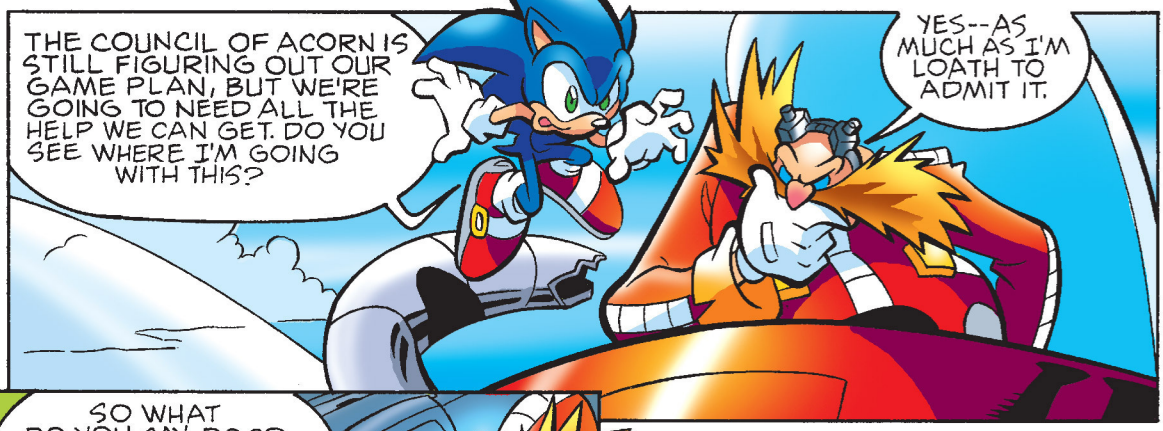

AS ENERJAK, I THOUGHT MYSELF UNSTOPPABLE. I WOULD HAVE CONQUERED ALL OF MOBIUS!
...BUT MY POWER WAS STOLEN. CENTURIES OF AGING CAUGHT UP WITH ME. I WAS NEARLY UNDONE...
UNTIL THE DARK LEGION RESCUED ME WITH THEIR CYBERNETIC PROCESSES.

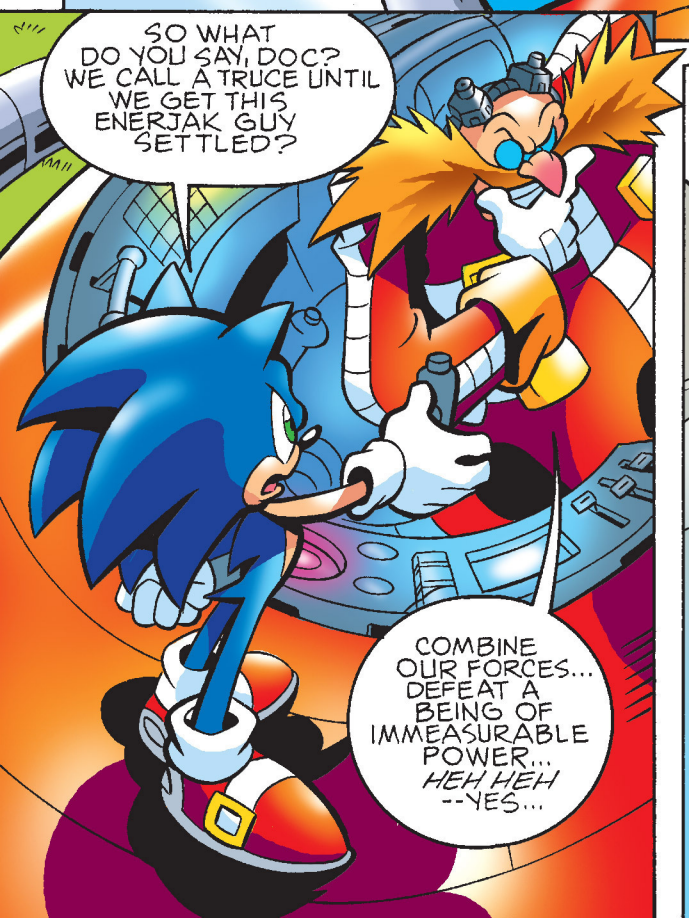

IT WAS NOT A PERFECT SOLUTION, HOWEVER. WITH MY LIFE STILL EBBING AWAY, I ALLOWED DR. FINITEVUS TO DISASSEMBLE ME IN HOPES OF FINDING A WAY TO RETURN ME TO MY FORMER POWER.
AND YOU TRUSTED HIM WITH YOUR LIFE?
TRY TO UNDERSTAND, PRINCESS. AT THAT POINT, I WAS DESPERATE. I THOUGHT HE WAS GENUINELY LOYAL LIKE THE REST OF THE DARK LEGION.
SO IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ENERJAK, WHO IS?
I DO NOT KNOW, SIR CHARLES. I CAME LOOKING FOR AID THE MOMENT I REALIZED FINITEVUS HAD BETRAYED ME.
YET, I HADN'T ANTICIPATED THAT THE LAST BASTION OF "FREEDOM" ON MOBIUS WOULD BE SO SLOW TO ACT.
MY FIRST CONCERN IS MY PEOPLE. WE'RE NOT GOING TO RUSH TO ARMS WITHOUT A SOLID PLAN.


AS A FIELD LEADER, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE READY AND WILLING TO GO TO ANGEL ISLAND AT A MOMENT'S NOTICE.
PRECISELY. STOP THIS MADNESS BEFORE IT BEGINS.
BUT LIKE KING ELIAS SAID, WE DON'T WANT YOU GOING WITHOUT EVERY ADVANTAGE. WE CAN ONLY SPREAD NICOLE AND HER NANITES SO THIN.
DYLAN, WHO SAYS WE NEED TO BE PROTECTED--?
THEN SEND THE CHAOTIX. THEY CLAIM ANGEL ISLAND AS THEIR HOME.
IT'S TRUE THAT THE CHAOTIX ARE FREE AGENTS...
BUT...?
...THEY'VE RISKED THEIR LIVES FOR MY PEOPLE. THEY'RE ENTITLED TO OUR PROTECTION AS MUCH AS ANYBODY ELSE.

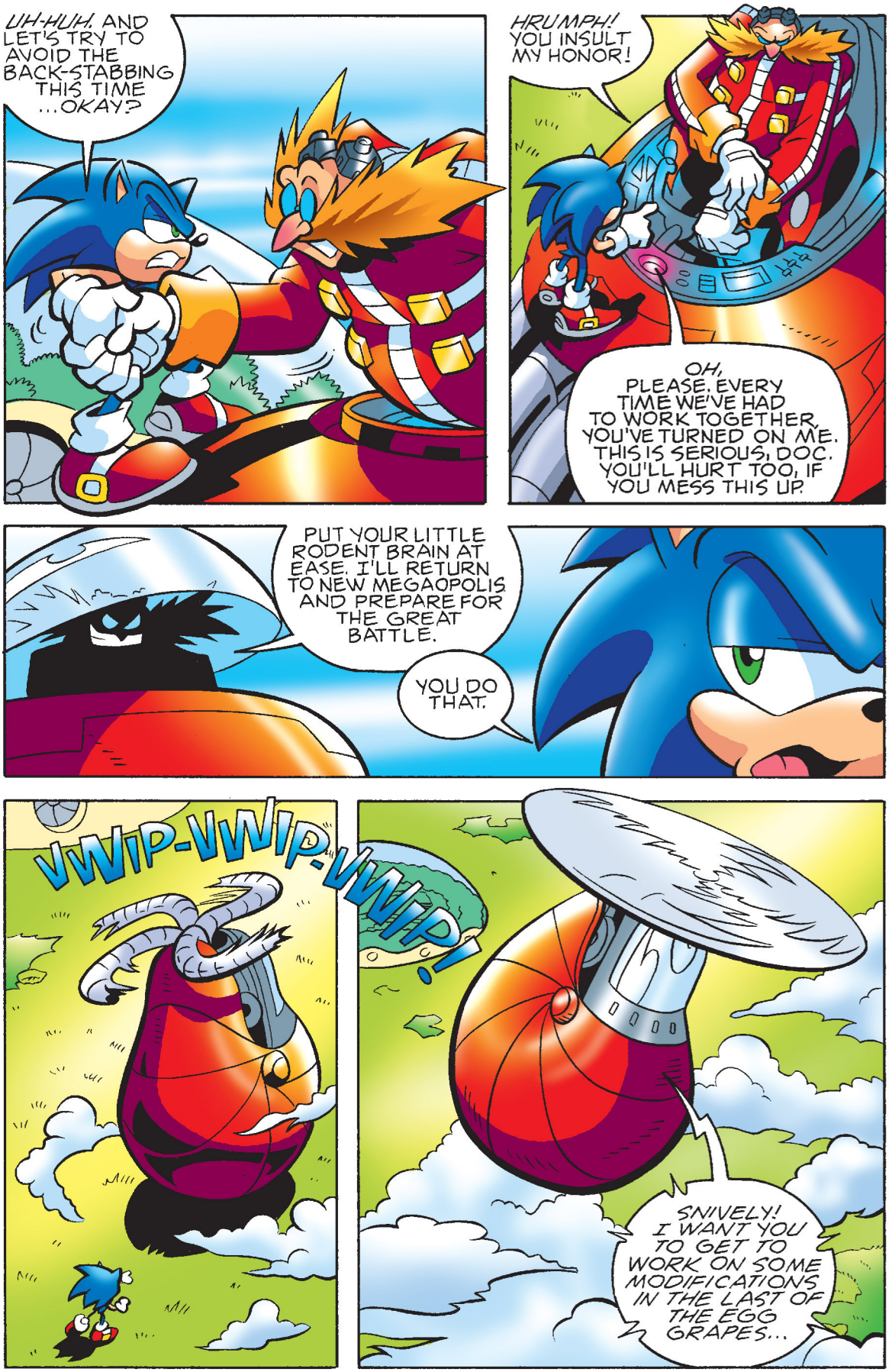

HEY, JULIE-SU? IT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE THE COUNCIL IS GONNA LET US LOOK FOR KNUCKLES.
I THOUGHT AS MUCH.
KEEP AT IT UNTIL DIMITRI LEAVES, THEN COME BACK TO US.
BAD NEWS?
ONLY FOR THEM, MIGHTY.
KNUCKLES LEFT FOR ANGEL ISLAND AND HASN'T CHECKED IN YET.* NOW WE'RE TOLD ENERJAK--KNUCKLES' WORST ENEMY--IS COMING BACK. AND THEY WANT US TO STAY HERE WHERE IT'S "SAFE"...?
*BACK IN STH #178.
JULIE-SU...
I KNOW THE CHAOTIX ARE YOUR TEAM, VECTOR. I'LL GO ALONE IF I HAVE TO!
CHILL OUT! WE'RE WITH YOU ON THIS ONE!
ALL RIGHT, THEN. LET'S GO GRAB A FLIGHT.

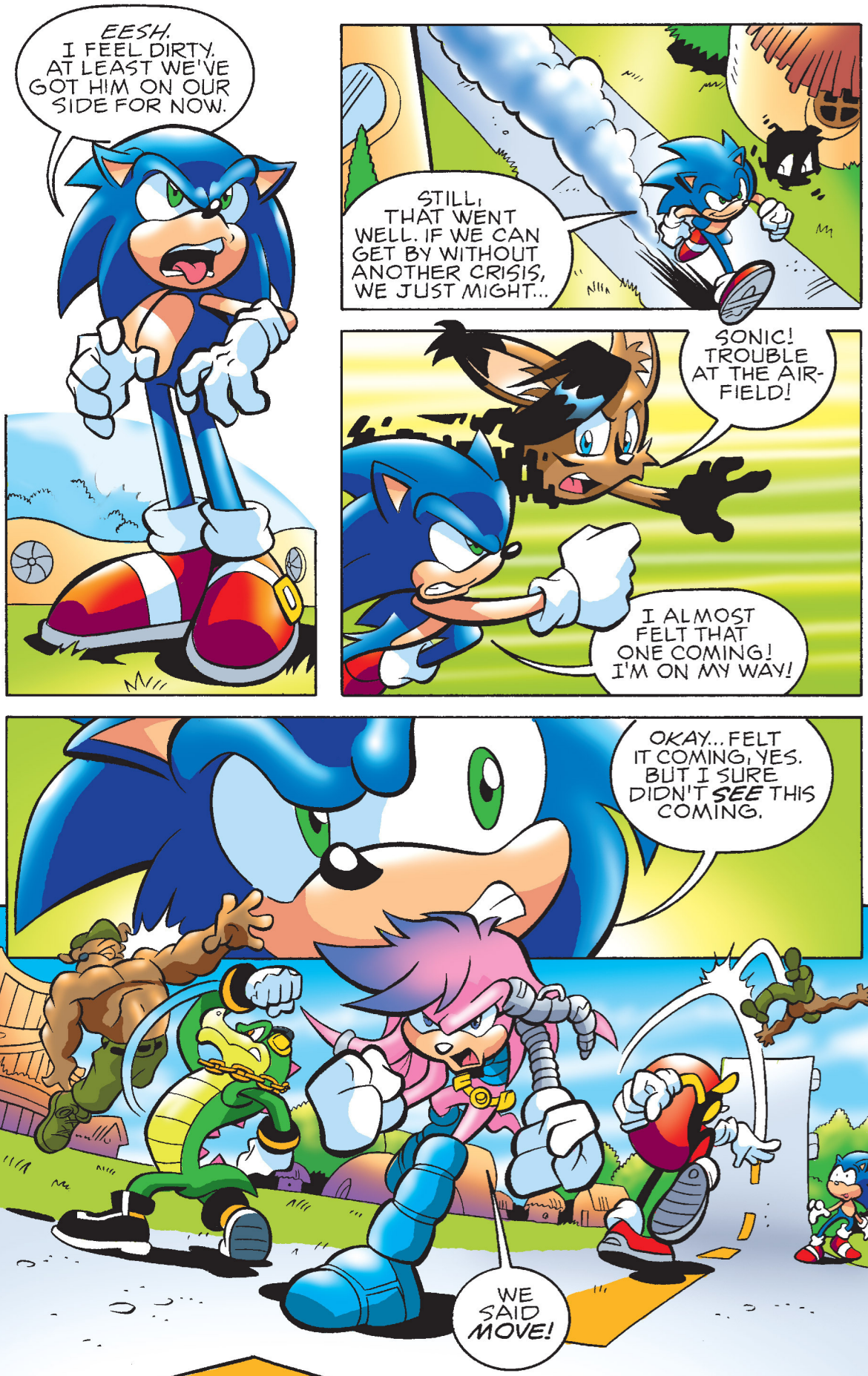

SO THAT'S THE DEAL--CHAOS DEMIGOD LOOKING TO START TROUBLE, AND WE'RE FRESH OUT OF SUPER MAGICAL BAD GUYS TO DO THE DIRTY WORK FOR US.
...RIGHT.
HMM... I CAN'T ABIDE SOMEBODY THREATENING MY EMPIRE *OR* MY RIGHT TO DESTROY THE LOT OF YOU.

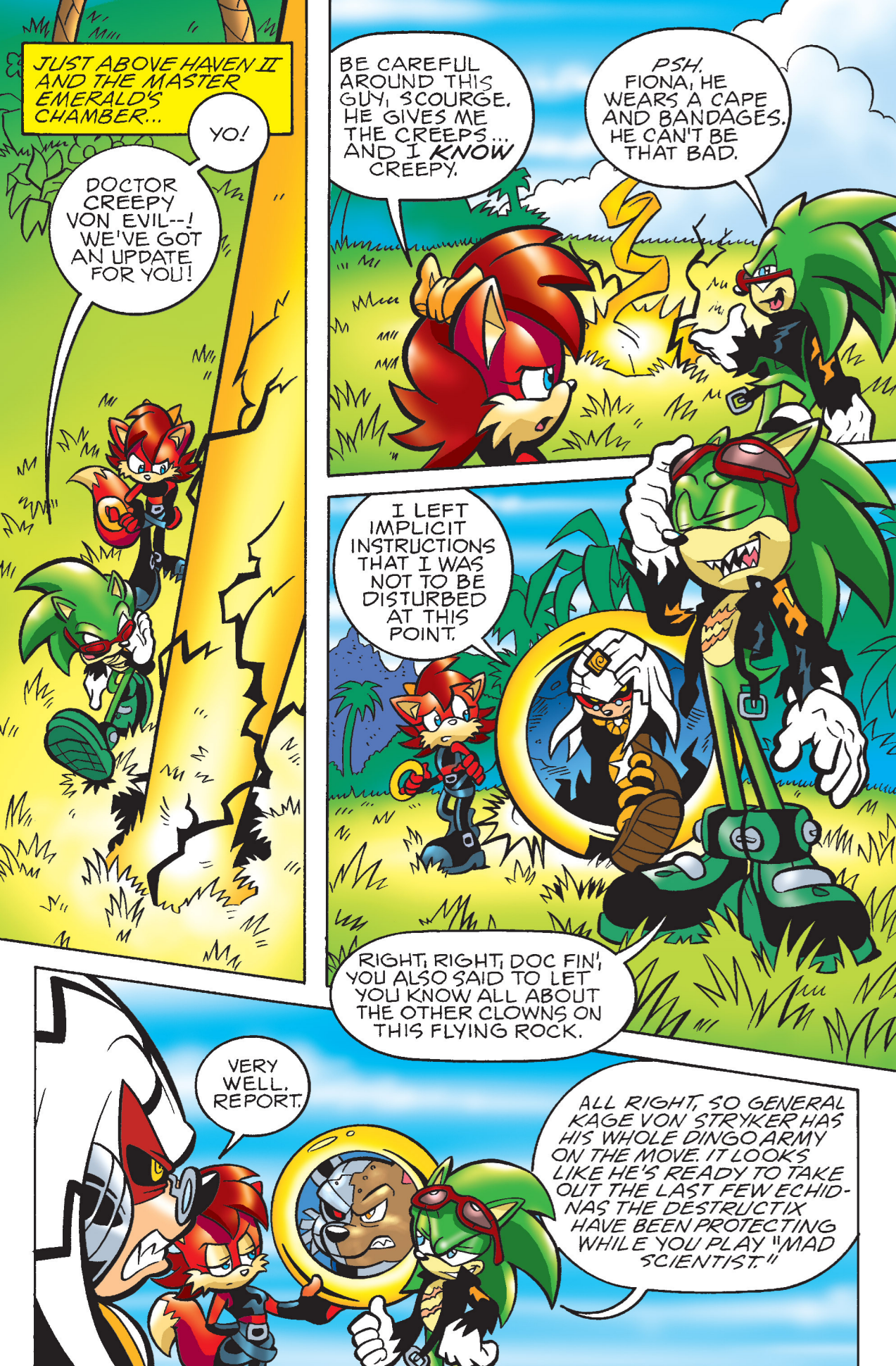

THE COUNCIL OF ACORN IS STILL FIGURING OUT OUR GAME PLAN, BUT WE'RE GOING TO NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET. DO YOU SEE WHERE I'M GOING WITH THIS?
YES--AS MUCH AS I'M LOATH TO ADMIT IT.


SO WHAT DO YOU SAY, DOC? WE CALL A TRUCE UNTIL WE GET THIS ENERJAK GUY SETTLED?
COMBINE OUR FORCES... DEFEAT A BEING OF IMMEASURABLE POWER... *HEH HEH* --YES...

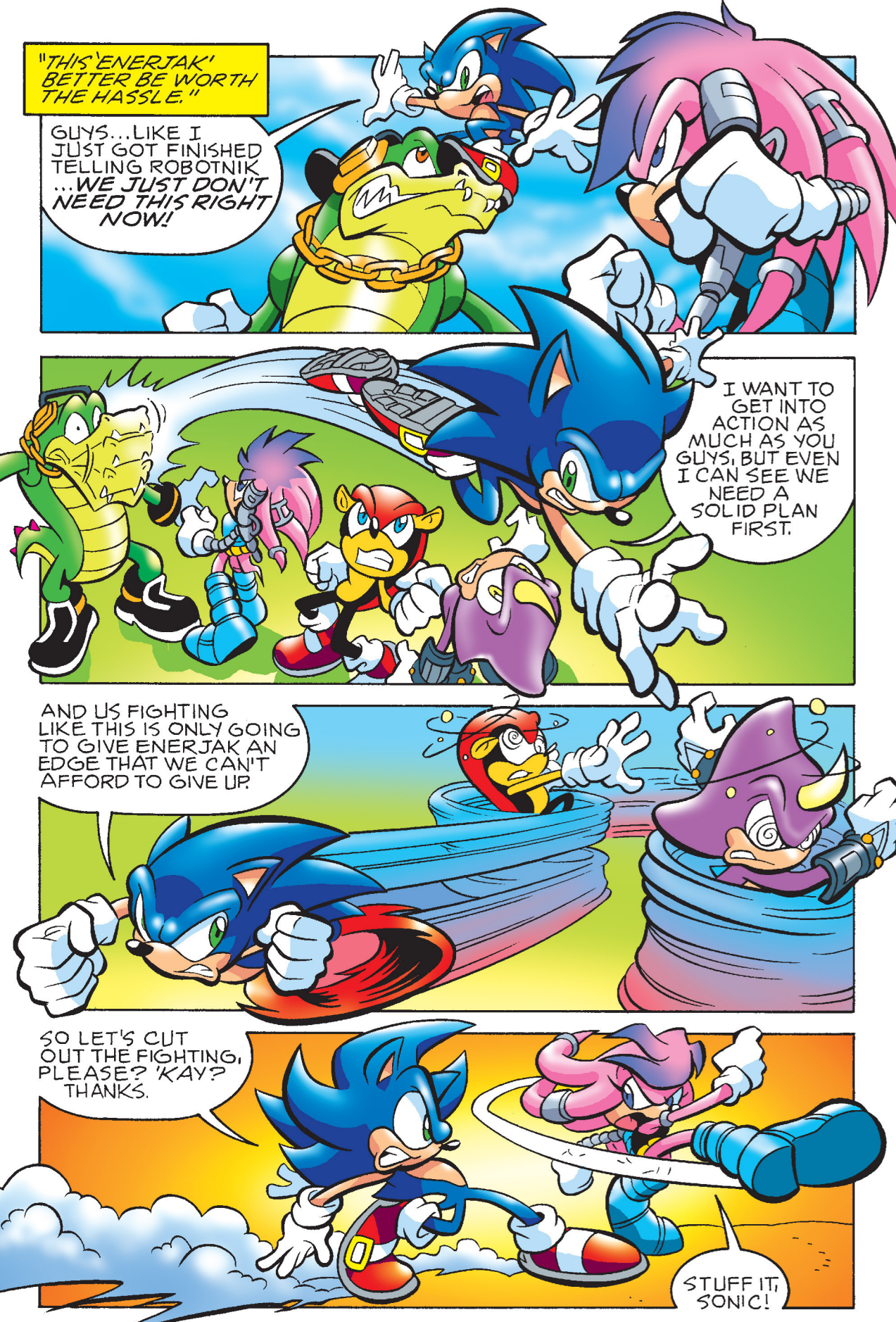
WE NEED TO *PREPARE* FOR THE WORST. FOR NOW, WE ARE *ALLIES.*

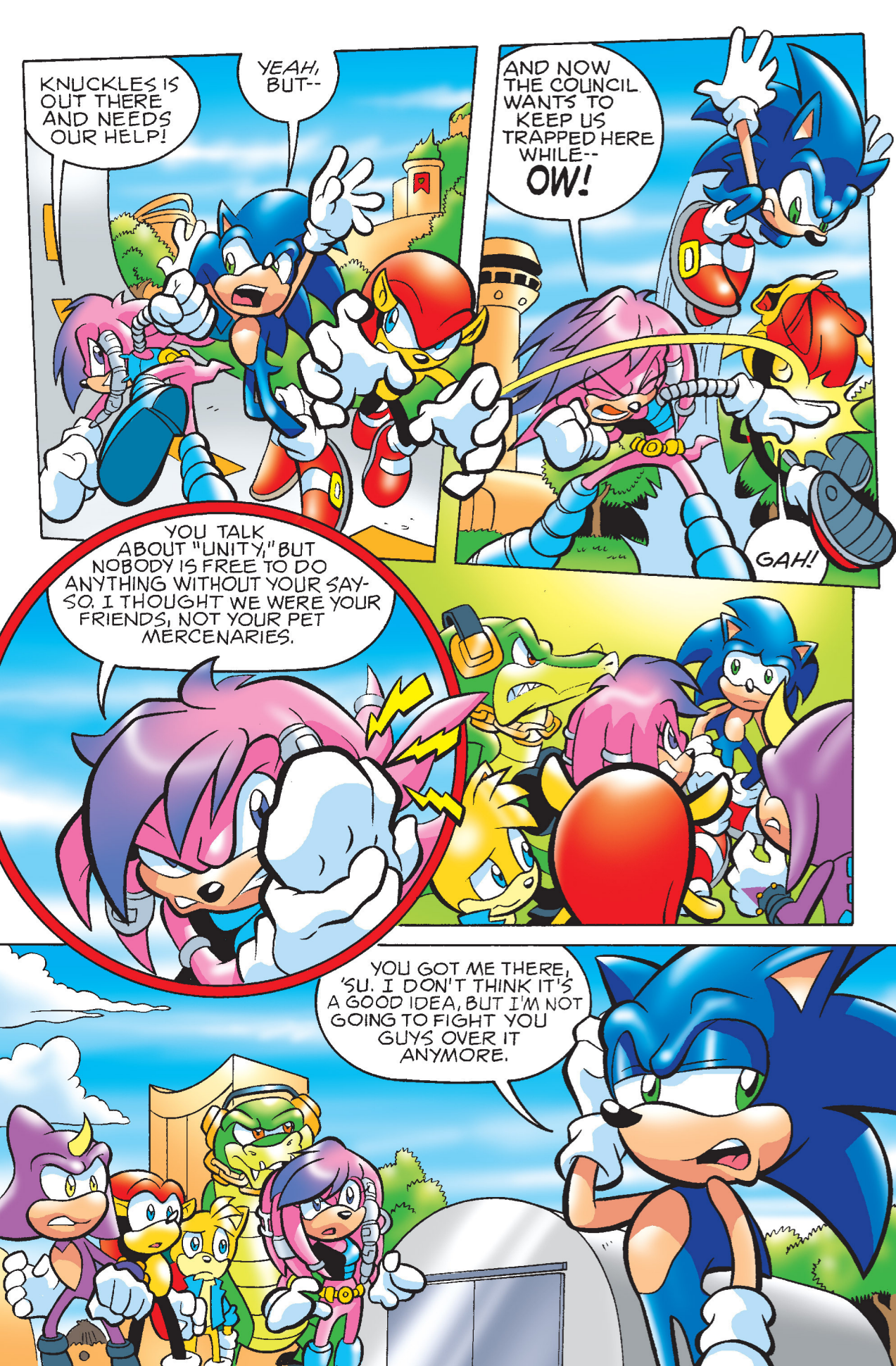

UH-HUH. AND LET'S TRY TO AVOID THE BACK-STABBING THIS TIME ...OKAY?
HRUMPH! YOU INSULT MY HONOR!
OH, PLEASE. EVERY TIME WE'VE HAD TO WORK TOGETHER, YOU'VE TURNED ON ME. THIS IS SERIOUS, DOC. YOU'LL HURT TOO, IF YOU MESS THIS UP.
PUT YOUR LITTLE RODENT BRAIN AT EASE. I'LL RETURN TO NEW MEGAOPOLIS AND PREPARE FOR THE GREAT BATTLE.
YOU DO THAT.
VWIP-VWIP-VWIP!
SNIVELY! I WANT YOU TO GET TO WORK ON SOME MODIFICATIONS IN THE LAST OF THE EGG GRAPES...

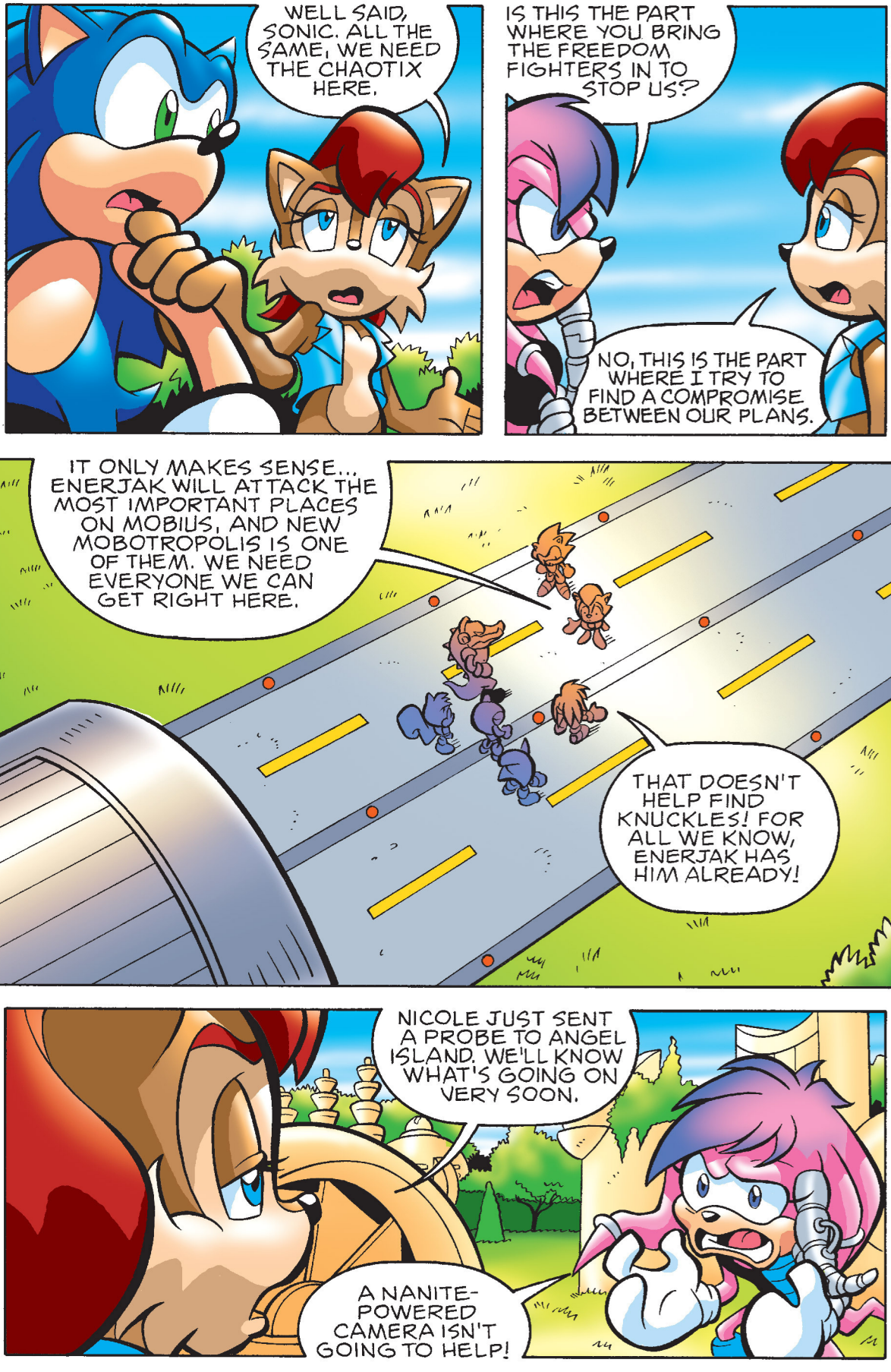

EESH. I FEEL DIRTY. AT LEAST WE'VE GOT HIM ON OUR SIDE FOR NOW.
STILL, THAT WENT WELL. IF WE CAN GET BY WITHOUT ANOTHER CRISIS, WE JUST MIGHT...
SONIC! TROUBLE AT THE AIR-FIELD!
I ALMOST FELT THAT ONE COMING! I'M ON MY WAY!
OKAY... FELT IT COMING, YES. BUT I SURE DIDN'T SEE THIS COMING.
WE SAID MOVE!

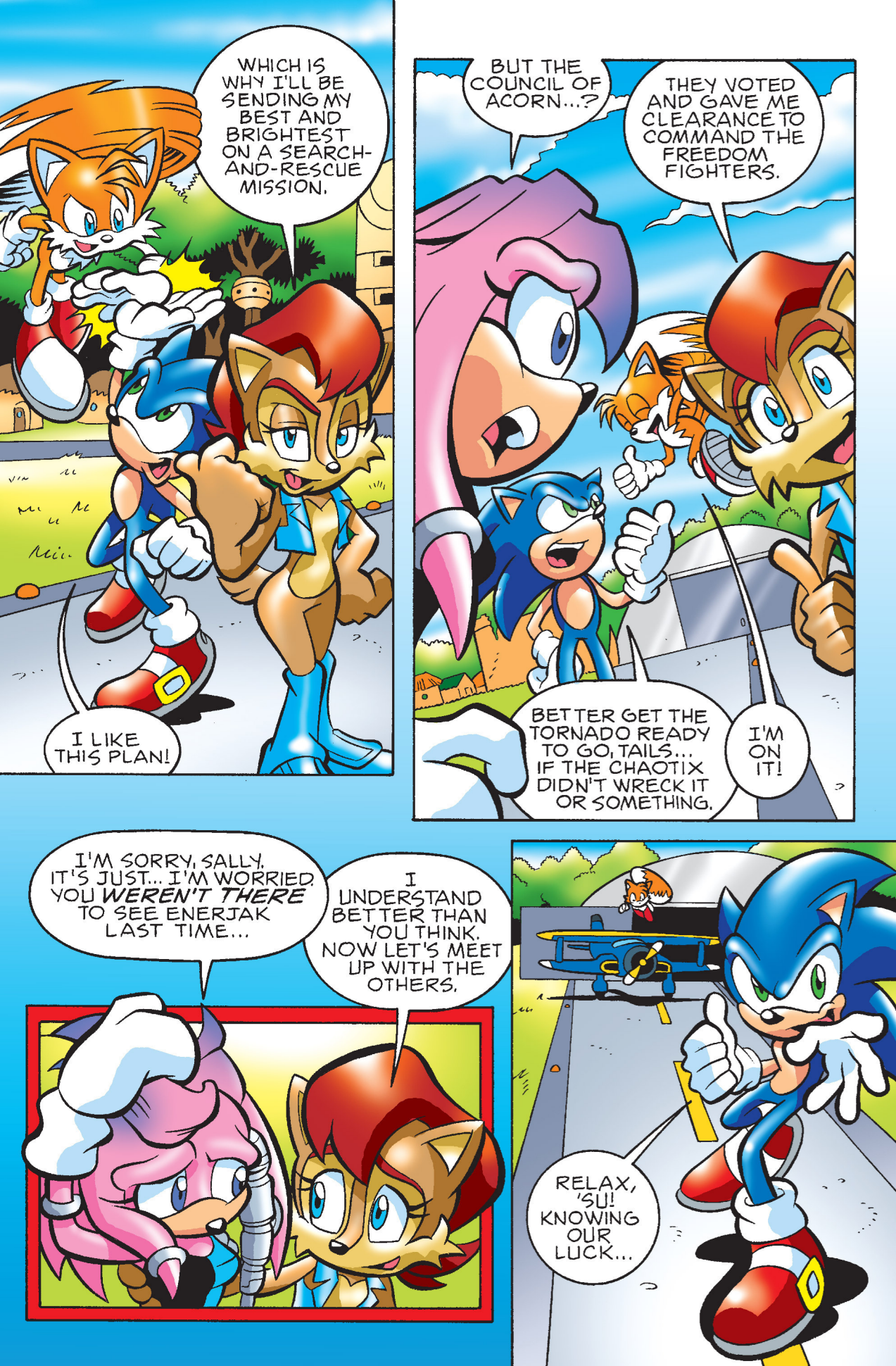

JUST ABOVE HAVEN II AND THE MASTER EMERALD'S CHAMBER...
YO!
DOCTOR CREEPY VON EVIL--! WE'VE GOT AN UPDATE FOR YOU!
BE CAREFUL AROUND THIS GUY, SCOURGE. HE GIVES ME THE CREEPS... AND I KNOW CREEPY.
PSH. FIONA, HE WEARS A CAPE AND BANDAGES. HE CAN'T BE THAT BAD.
I LEFT IMPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS THAT I WAS NOT TO BE DISTURBED AT THIS POINT.
RIGHT, RIGHT, DOC FIN', YOU ALSO SAID TO LET YOU KNOW ALL ABOUT THE OTHER CLOWNS ON THIS FLYING ROCK.
VERY WELL. REPORT.
ALL RIGHT, SO GENERAL KAGE VON STRYKER HAS HIS WHOLE DINGO ARMY ON THE MOVE. IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S READY TO TAKE OUT THE LAST FEW ECHIDNAS THE DESTRUCTIX HAVE BEEN PROTECTING WHILE YOU PLAY "MAD SCIENTIST."

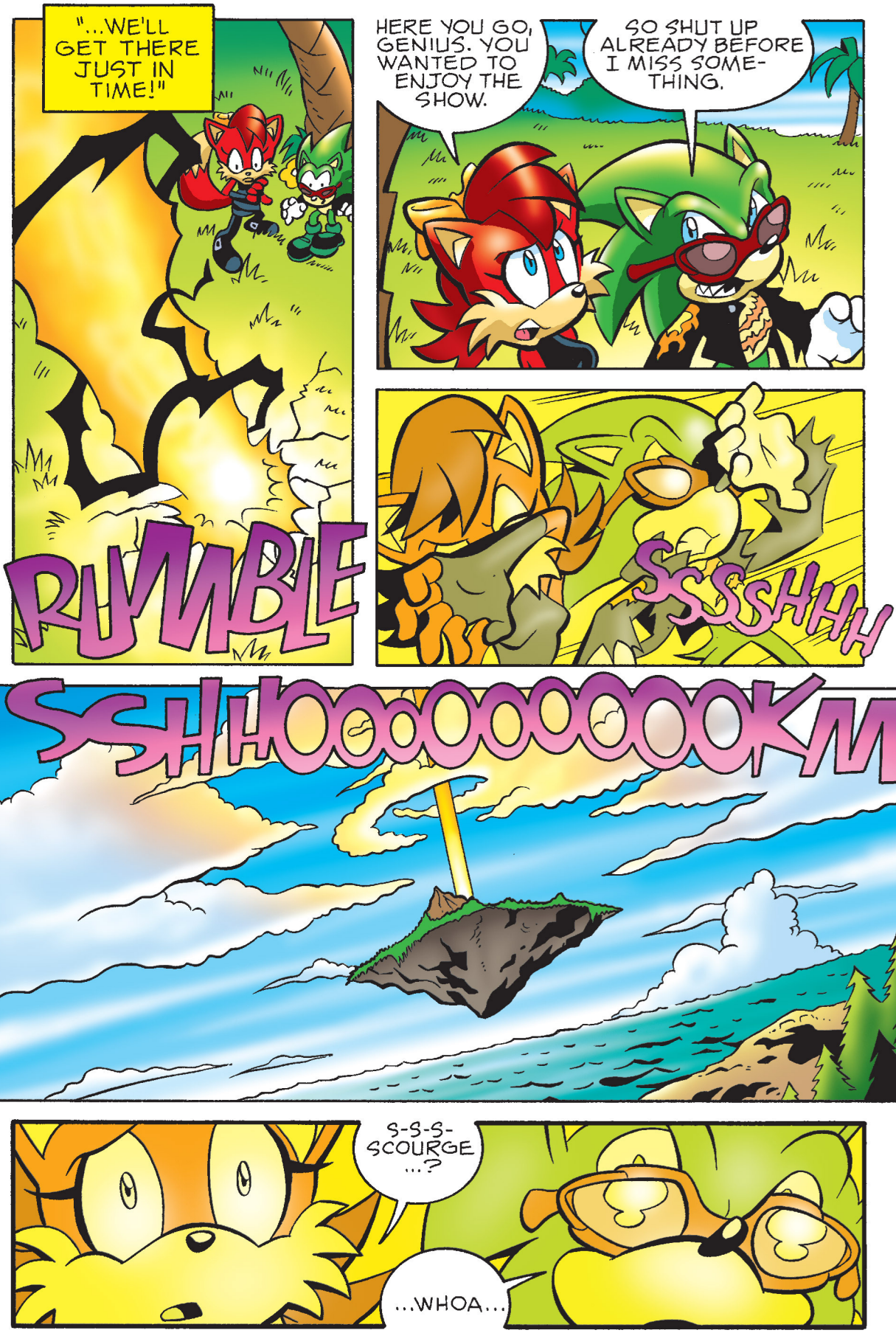
MEANWHILE, IT LOOKS LIKE THE FLAME AND FROST LEGIONS HAVE CAUGHT ON. THEY'VE STOPPED FIGHTING EACH OTHER AND DECIDED TO ATTACK BEFORE YOU FINISH... WHATEVER YOU'RE DOING DOWN THERE.
HMPH. TWO ARMIES ARE NOTHING COMPARED TO THE POWER I'M ABOUT TO UNLEASH.
DEFEND THE ECHIDNAS-- OR DON'T. IT DOESN'T MATTER AT THIS POINT. I'M ALMOST READY...
SEE? HE REDEFINES "CREEPY." WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
YOU HEARD THE MAN...
WE'VE GOT NO STANDING ORDERS. I'M GOING TO CHILL OUT AND ENJOY THE SHOW.


"THIS 'ENERJAK' BETTER BE WORTH THE HASSLE."
GUYS...LIKE I JUST GOT FINISHED TELLING ROBOTNIK ...WE JUST DON'T NEED THIS RIGHT NOW!
I WANT TO GET INTO ACTION AS MUCH AS YOU GUYS, BUT EVEN I CAN SEE WE NEED A SOLID PLAN FIRST.
AND US FIGHTING LIKE THIS IS ONLY GOING TO GIVE ENERJAK AN EDGE THAT WE CAN'T AFFORD TO GIVE UP.
SO LET'S CUT OUT THE FIGHTING, PLEASE? 'KAY? THANKS.
STUFF IT, SONIC!


KNUCKLES IS OUT THERE AND NEEDS OUR HELP!
YEAH, BUT--
AND NOW THE COUNCIL WANTS TO KEEP US TRAPPED HERE WHILE--
OW!
GAH!
YOU TALK ABOUT "UNITY," BUT NOBODY IS FREE TO DO ANYTHING WITHOUT YOUR SAY-SO. I THOUGHT WE WERE YOUR FRIENDS, NOT YOUR PET MERCENARIES.
YOU GOT ME THERE, 'SU. I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO FIGHT YOU GUYS OVER IT ANYMORE.


WELL SAID, SONIC. ALL THE SAME, WE NEED THE CHAOTIX HERE.
IS THIS THE PART WHERE YOU BRING THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN TO STOP US?
NO, THIS IS THE PART WHERE I TRY TO FIND A COMPROMISE BETWEEN OUR PLANS.
IT ONLY MAKES SENSE... ENERJAK WILL ATTACK THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACES ON MOBIUS, AND NEW MOBOTROPOLIS IS ONE OF THEM. WE NEED EVERYONE WE CAN GET RIGHT HERE.
THAT DOESN'T HELP FIND KNUCKLES! FOR ALL WE KNOW, ENERJAK HAS HIM ALREADY!
NICOLE JUST SENT A PROBE TO ANGEL ISLAND. WE'LL KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON VERY SOON.
A NANITE-POWERED CAMERA ISN'T GOING TO HELP!

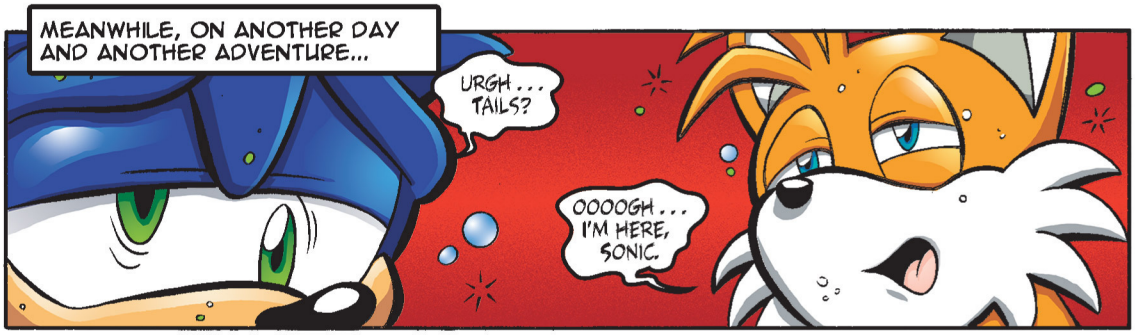

WHICH IS WHY I'LL BE SENDING MY BEST AND BRIGHTEST ON A SEARCH-AND-RESCUE MISSION.
I LIKE THIS PLAN!
BUT THE COUNCIL OF ACORN...?
THEY VOTED AND GAVE ME CLEARANCE TO COMMAND THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS.
BETTER GET THE TORNADO READY TO GO, TAILS... IF THE CHAOTIX DIDN'T WRECK IT OR SOMETHING.
I'M ON IT!
I'M SORRY, SALLY. IT'S JUST... I'M WORRIED. YOU WEREN'T THERE TO SEE ENERJAK LAST TIME...
I UNDERSTAND BETTER THAN YOU THINK. NOW LET'S MEET UP WITH THE OTHERS.
RELAX, 'SU! KNOWING OUR LUCK...


"...WE'LL GET THERE JUST IN TIME!"
RUMBLE
HERE YOU GO, GENIUS. YOU WANTED TO ENJOY THE SHOW.
SO SHUT UP ALREADY BEFORE I MISS SOME-THING.
SSSSHHH
SSHHOOO

You HAVE to come back next month as the epic battle begins with

"ENERJAK: REBORN!"

FIND OUT WHO IS ENERJAK IN SONIC THE HEDGEHOG#181!



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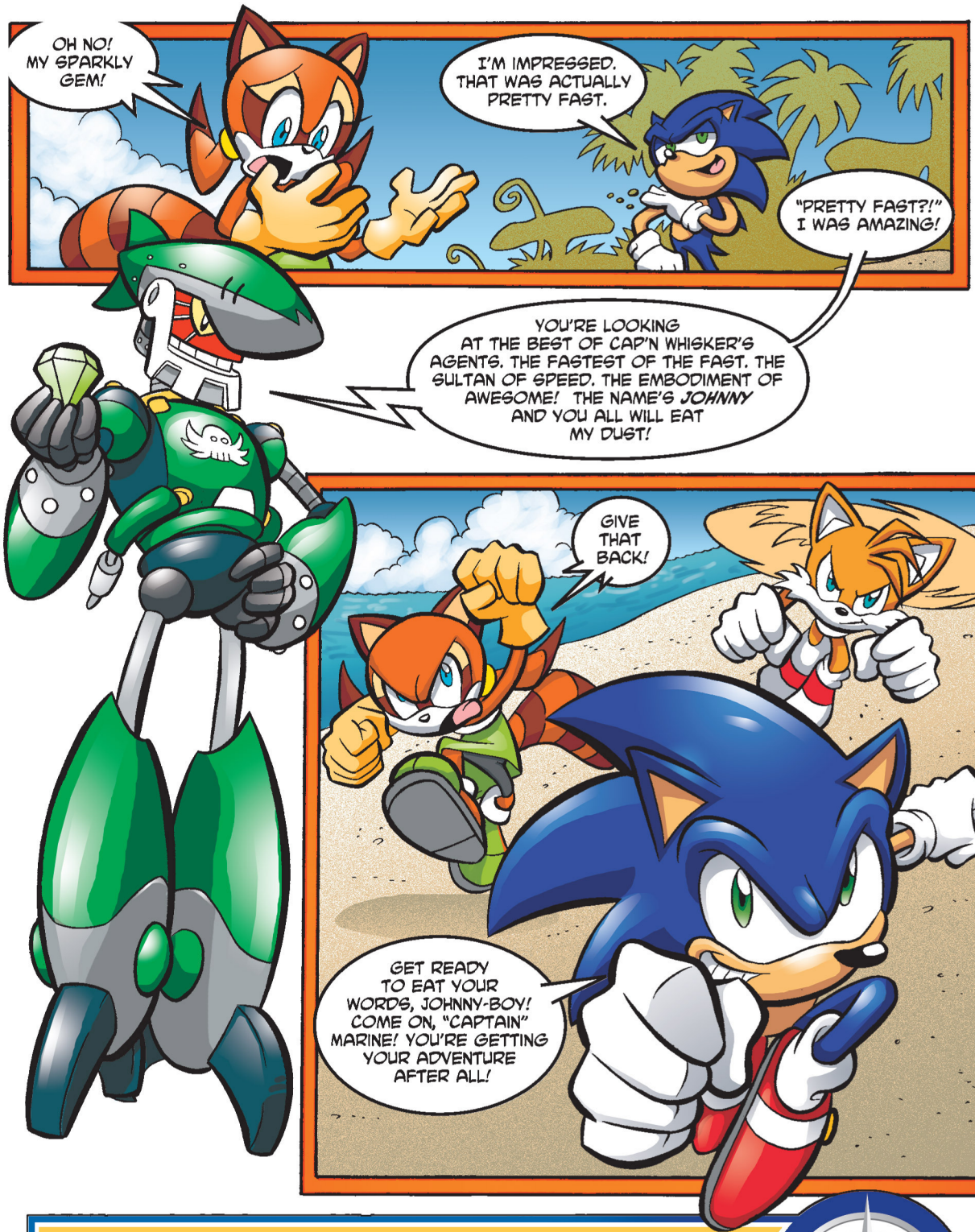
ONE LOUSY STORM AND WE'RE THROWN COMPLETELY OFF-COURSE.
AT LEAST WE'RE IN ONE PIECE.
AHOY THERE!
YOU GUYS TOOK A NASTY FALL. GOOD PULSE.
DID YOU SWALLOW ANY SEAWATER?
NO?
GOOD. THAT STUFF IS NASTY.
YOU TWO PASS WITH A CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH. NOW COME ON, ME SWABBIES! YOUR CAPTAIN IS SETTING SAIL FOR *ADVENTURE!*

YEAH, NO. HOLD ON A SECOND.
EEK! MUTINY!
LISTEN, KIDDO, WE'RE KIND OF LOST AT THE MOMENT, AND WE DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO YOU ARE SO . . .
YOU'RE ON SEAGULL ISLAND! MY NAME IS MARINE AND I AM YOUR CAPTAIN AND YOU'RE ON MY CREW NOW.
NOW, LET'S SHOVE OFF! TO ADVENTURE!
YOU HAVE FUN WITH THAT. LET'S SEE HOW BAD THE PLANE IS, TAILS.
WELL... UM... WHAT KIND OF ADVENTURE?
WELL, FIGHTING PIRATES FOR ONE THING.
PIRATE FIGHTING YOU SAY?
JUST A FEW DAYS AGO, A NASTY GROUP OF PIRATES CAME TO THE ISLAND. THEY'VE BEEN LOOTING THE ISLAND IN THEIR SEARCH FOR TREASURE!

I WONDER WHAT THE PIRATES COULD BE LOOKING FOR!
WHO CARES? THEY'RE GOING TO FIND A SPIN DASH WITH THEIR NAMES ON IT.
ACTUALLY, I THINK THEY'RE LOOKING FOR THIS! AND I FOUND IT!
DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHAT THAT IS?
DUH! IT'S A GIANT, PRETTY GEM!
WHOOSH!
AHHH!


OH NO! MY SPARKLY GEM!
I'M IMPRESSED. THAT WAS ACTUALLY PRETTY FAST.
"PRETTY FAST?!" I WAS AMAZING!
YOU'RE LOOKING AT THE BEST OF CAP'N WHISKER'S AGENTS. THE FASTEST OF THE FAST. THE SULTAN OF SPEED. THE EMBODIMENT OF AWESOME! THE NAME'S JOHNNY AND YOU ALL WILL EAT MY DUST!
GIVE THAT BACK!
GET READY TO EAT YOUR WORDS, JOHNNY-BOY! COME ON, "CAPTAIN" MARINE! YOU'RE GETTING YOUR ADVENTURE AFTER ALL!

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